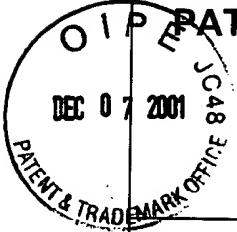


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Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed in the above-identified U.S. national phase application of PCT/FI00/00260, please enter the following amendment thereto:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the paragraph found on the attached page into the application at page 1, line 4, and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION".

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#### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert language concerning related applications. As no new matter has been added by the amendment, its entry is therefore requested.

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